

ETSC CERTIFICATION SUBCOMMITTEE

Michigan State Police Headquarters
Recruiting Conference Room
Friday May 4, 2007
Meeting Minutes

PRESENT: John Bawol, Bill Charon, James Fyvie, Dale Gribler, Suzan Hensel, Steve Leese, James Loeper, Vic Martin, Harriet Miller-Brown, Leonard Norman, Charles Nystrom, Christina Russell, Scott Temple

ABSENT: none

Approval of Agenda – Mr. Loeper requested discussion of an issue in Gogebic County.

A. Approval of March 9, 2007 meeting minutes

Mr. Fyvie requested that it be noted in the March 9, 2007 minutes, he provided prior notice of absence from that meeting.

Sheriff Gribler made a **MOTION** to approve the minutes of March 9, 2007 with the above change, Mr. Martin supported, the **MOTION** carries.

B. Old Business

1. Compliance Review updates

i. Alpena County – The draft report is in progress. Alpena County has formed a 9-1-1 Advisory Board. Mr. Thornton will send minutes from the advisory board meetings to Ms. Miller-Brown. The Department of Treasury has released Alpena County's 4th qtr wireless monies.

ii. Calhoun County – The compliance review team has completed the on site visits. The team found a well-run center. Ms. Fish is working on getting the staff out to additional training.

iii. Newaygo County – A preliminary meeting is scheduled with the compliance review team following today's Certification Subcommittee meeting.

iv. Crawford County – This county has been selected as the next Random review. Team members will include Mr. Bawol, Mr. Norman, Ms. Hensel and Ms. Miller-Brown. Notice will be sent out to the county officials on Monday May 7, 2007.

C. New Business

1. Annual Report to the Legislature/8th Year Certification Eligibility/Supplemental Questionnaire – Discussion regarding minor changes to the forms that will allow the State 9-1-1 office to better obtain data from the counties for other projects within the office. Also, in a cost saving effort, the County Commissioners will receive a post card instead of a formal letter informing them that this information has been sent to County 9-1-1 Directors/Coordinators. The entire packet is scheduled to be mailed out on Monday May 14, 2007.

Ms. Miller-Brown is drafting a Supplemental Questionnaire requesting information from PSAPs on how to improve communications between the different emergency services. The questionnaire would be mailed out directly to PSAPs. Certification Subcommittee members are to review the draft and respond back to her by Friday May 11, 2007 with any suggestions for additional questions.

2. Use of Surcharge Funds - Chair Charon noted the recent training program on Compliance Review and Certification was helpful.

Ms. Miller-Brown has been receiving inquiries regarding use of 9-1-1 surcharge monies. Budgets are getting tight, but departments are still in need of upgrades or other items and are perhaps trying to use such funds.

3. Issue in Gogebic County - Discussion regarding a sector of a tower in Iron County, Wisconsin routing Gogebic County, Michigan 9-1-1 calls to the Iron County PSAP. Mr. Loeper has spoken with Dobson representatives on the possibility of routing the tower sector to Negaunee – but since there is no agreement on how to route these calls; the request has been turned over to Dobson's legal department. Gogebic County proposed purchasing a phone system upgrade for Iron County (as they are not able to transfer the calls, Iron County is Phase 0) at a cost of \$3,100.00. With these phones in place, Iron County could transfer the calls to Negaunee Regional Dispatch as Phase 0 calls. Mr. Loeper stated that Iron County representatives have contacted the FCC regarding the routing issue and had questions about the consequences if Gogebic County is collecting fees for enhanced service, but not providing the service. Mr. Loeper is requesting direction from this subcommittee on whether the \$ 3,100.00 to purchase the phones can be paid for with surcharge monies.

Mr. Bawol made a **MOTION** that the cost is an unallowable expense to deliver Phase 0 service, that the Phase II solution to send the calls to Negaunee is the better solution in the interest of Michigan's citizens, Mr. Nystrom supported. The **MOTION** carried. Mr. Loeper abstained.

- D. Certification for 2nd Quarter Wireless Funds – Mr. Loeper made a **MOTION** to recommend to the ETSC that all 82 counties plus 4 Wayne County service districts be certified for 2nd quarter wireless funds. Ms. Hensel supported. The **MOTION** carries.
- E. Call to the Public – None
- F. Next meeting –To be determined

Ms. Miller-Brown reminded the members that when Senate Bills 410/411 is passed, a model county plan will need to be developed by this subcommittee. It would be a good idea once a draft model plan is developed, the Attorney General's office reviews it for legal purposes.

- G. Adjourn - The meeting was adjourned at 12:25 p.m.